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‘Red Dress’ to impress

Dozens of onlookers watched University of the Incarnate Word students and visiting high school models strut their stuff Tuesday, Feb. 13, in a variety of red dresses at the annual Red Dress Health Fair and Fashion Show. This year the event was held in the new Student Engagement Center. Several vendors offered prizes in raffles and some free and healthy food was available.



Rodeo reels in thousands

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The 69th San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo has officially begun and will run through Feb. 25.

People from near and far are headed to the rodeo campgrounds, located at the AT&T Center and Freeman Coliseum on the city's east side, to be a part of the fun. San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo has won the award for largest indoor rodeo of the year 13 times. It's a three-week-long event that brings in an estimated 2 million people.

With everything from carnival rides, live music, pig races and San Antonio food, the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo is a staple for the city.

The Rodeo kicked off with the annual Cowboy Breakfast, which was held Friday, Jan. 26, at Cowboys Dance-Hall. An estimated 40,000 people woke up at the crack of dawn to enjoy a variety of breakfast tacos, tamales, biscuits and gravy and steaming hot coffee.

People conversed, danced to live bands, and enjoyed the crisp, clear morning. The breakfast, as usual, was completely free.

Fast forward a few weeks later. The San Antonio Spurs have taken off on their Rodeo Road Trip, leaving officials

to turn the AT&T Center into a cowboy's wonderland.

Dirt fills every corner of what used to be the basketball court. Gates are installed to keep bucking horses and bulls tame until showtime. A portable, rotating stage is installed for concerts.

It's an overwhelming and impressive transformation. People can see everything from bullriding to barrel racing on the rodeo grounds, might even see the rodeo clowns get bucked by an angry bull (don't worry, he has a barrel and trains for this).

The rodeo concludes every night with a live concert. This year, Gary Allen kicked off the Rodeo concert series with chart-topping hits such as the love song, "Watching Airplanes," and, "Every Storm (Runs Out Of Rain)."

A variety of other artists are scheduled to perform over the upcoming weeks, including Brett Eldredge, Rascal Flatts, Alan Jackson, Brad Paisley and the Josh Abbott Band. Tickets for the rodeo and concerts can be purchased at sarodeo.com, as well as through many other ticketing outlets.

Freeman Coliseum is transformed into a gallery for local business where you can find everything from

beautiful rustic art to jalapeño jelly straight from the Hill Country.

There is a petting zoo for the children in the Animals and Agriculture area, along with pony rides, pig races, a craft beer tap room and wine garden for the adults.

Carolina Calvillo, a recent graduate of the University of the Incarnate Word and avid rodeo fan, said she is excited for this year's Rodeo festivities.

"My family and I go every year, usually multiple times a year," Calvillo said. "It's our tradition."

Calvillo, who was born and raised in San Antonio, said she that the Rodeo is a huge part of San Antonio culture.

"I recently starting working at Lucky Brand, and everyone who has been coming in has been looking for clothes for the Rodeo," she said. "It's a tradition for our city that brings the community together. It's a celebration."

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